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AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO NOTICE TO COMPLY WITH REQUIREMENTS FOR PATENT APPLICATIONS CONTAINING NUCLEOTIDE SEQUENCES AND/OR AMINO ACID SEQUENCE DISCLOSURES AND REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

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Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Notice to Comply, mailed March 11, 2003, setting a two-month term for reply. Enclosed herewith is the sequence listing in both paper and computer readable forms. As this response is being filed within the period for reply, it is believed that no additional

fees are occasioned by the entry of this response. However, should any fees be required, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees to Deposit Account No. 50-0320.

AMENDMENT

It is respectfully requested that the application be amended, without prejudice, without admission, without surrender of subject matter, and without any intention of creating any estoppel as to equivalents as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace the previously filed sequence listing with the enclosed papers titled -- sequence listing.--

REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

It is respectfully requested that the period for reply be extended one month, i.e., to up to and including June 11, 2003. Enclosed is a check for \$110.00 in payment of the fee therefor by a large entity. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fee for the extension, or any fee occasioned by this paper, or credit any overpayment in such fees, to Deposit Account No. 50-0320.